

THE SHOOTERS ALLIANCE FOR FIREARMS RIGHTS
MICHIGAN GUN OWNERS

STATEMENT OF POSITION REGARDING

HOUSE BILL 5473

The Shooters Alliance for Firearm Rights and Michigan Gun Owners, representing a combined membership of over one thousand hunters, sport shooters, gun collectors, firearms dealers, and otherwise law-abiding firearms owners throughout the state of Michigan, actively support House Bill 5473 and encourage the Legislature to pass it as is, and forward it to the Governor for her signature.

House Bill 5473 would eliminate paperwork and streamline processes for firearms dealers, for local police departments, and for the Michigan State Police by eliminating the need for dealers to register pistols that they purchase as dealer stock. Currently, a dealer who purchases a pistol other than from a manufacturer or wholesaler must complete a Michigan State Police form RI-009, which must then be processed by the dealer's local police department, as well as then by the Michigan State Police. HB 5473 would eliminate that unnecessary paperwork. While the pistol is in the possession of the dealer, it is listed in the dealer's "bound book," so it can be readily traced. Moreover, when the dealer sells the pistol, the new private owner will be required to register it pursuant to Michigan law. Therefore, the Michigan State Police pistol registration database remains as up to date as it may be.

In tight economic times, it makes sense to eliminate unnecessary paperwork requirements, freeing dealers to conduct their business, local law enforcement from their paperwork requirements, and easing the workload of an already overburdened Michigan State Police firearms registration unit. SAFR and MGO request that this Committee vote to approve HB 5473, and forward it to the House for consideration and approval.